



## **Meeting Minutes – approved via email**

### **Law Libraries Section: Standing Committee (Second Session)**

85th IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Athens, Greece

Thursday, 29 August 2019, 08:00 – 10:30, Megaron Convention Center, Meeting Room 301

**Chair:** Sonia Poulin

*Present SC members: Sonia Poulin (Chair), Anne Burnett (Secretary), Heather Casey (Information Coordinator), Mark Engsborg, Marisol Floren, Michel Fraysse, Judit Gerencsér, Carole Hinchcliff, Halina Hohenthal, Sally Holterhoff, Margo Jeske, Yolanda Jones, Sonia Smith, Leslie Street, Peter Weber*

*Absent SC members: Edita Bačić, Hélène Besnier, Teresa Miguel-Sterns, Elizabeth Naumczyk, Rodrigo Obrador, Lagdhir Rabari, Jane Sanchez*

*Present corresponding members:*

*Absent corresponding members: Claire Germain*

*Observers: Bryan Boy Cortez, Yoon Hee Jeong, Fariborz Khosravi, Joan Liu, Dragutin Nemec, Andrés Reinoso, Pushyamitra Veeramachaneni*

#### **1. Call to order and welcome; revision to agenda (Sonia Poulin)**

- a. Sonia welcomed all participants to the Second Standing Committee (SC) business meeting.
- b. The SC approved a request to revise the agenda to add an item regarding the request by Adama Koné re Association of Francophone Librarians meeting. This item is discussed at number 10 below

#### **2. Approved formation of the following subcommittees to accomplish work of the section throughout the year (note: this agenda item was deferred from the 1st business meeting):**

- a. *Communications Subcommittee:* Sonia Smith, Heather Casey, Judit Gerencsér
- b. *Outreach/Recruitment Subcommittee:* Yolanda Jones, Margo Jeske, Carole Hinchliff

- c. *Program Planning Subcommittee*: Leslie Street, Peter Weber, Mark Engsborg, Sally Holterhoff and Halina Hohenthal

### 3. Recognized members leaving the Standing Committee

The SC recognized the service of the following SC members who are leaving the SC:

- Hélène Besnier
- Marison Floren
- Michel Fraysse
- Teresa Miguel
- Elizabeth Naumczyk
- Lagdhir Rabari

### 4. Reviewed and Approved Programs for Dublin, Ireland 2020

- a. Program re workshops: Heather Casey distributed proposal via email
  - i. Michel Fraysse commented that the programs should be communicated in the language best suited for the speakers; Heather suggested the possibility of simultaneous translation via video subtitles but also has a work-around involving simultaneous live translation of pre-approved questions/answers
  - ii. **APPROVED**: Heather Casey (program coordinator) will work with Mark Engsborg and Margo Jeske on the program
- b. Program re Barriers to Free Public Access to Law:
  - i. Leslie Street met with Sharon Farb of the Copyright and Other Legal Matters Committee (CLM) and shared the proposal with them for discussion at their upcoming meeting – if they sign on, we would have 2 hours for this program; Sally Holterhoff spoke with Stephen Wyber who is also very interested in the program idea
  - ii. Judit Gerencsér has EU contacts who may contribute
  - iii. **APPROVED**: this program as either a 1 or 2 (w/ CLM) hour session;

### 5. Reviewed proposed focus areas for 2019-20 action plan Rough outline of Focus

**Areas - refer to Action Plan documents for exact language**

- Focus Area #1 - Promote the IFLA Statement on Government Provision of Public Legal Information in the Digital Age (2016)  
<https://www.ifla.org/publications/node/11064?og=86> or the Law Section Mission Statement at <https://www.ifla.org/law-libraries>

- - Action: translations – Year 1 Add at least one additional translation (APPROVED and assigned to Joan Liu (Chinese) and Michel Fraysse (to audit existing French translation); Sonia Poulin will ask IFLA Translation Office if additional translations are feasible)
  - Action: guidance document or diagnostic tool kit (Stephen Wyber suggested using the latter term, which is used in the monitoring efforts of the Marrakesh statement); start with SC member countries; promote guidance document/diagnostic tool kit and hold webinar (APPROVED – Year 1 Create Guidance Document/Diagnostic Toolkit assigned to Anne Burnett, Sally Holterhoff and Leslie Street, Year 2 Promote Guidance Document/Diagnostic Toolkit assigned to Anne Burnett, Heather Casey, Marisol Floren, Sally Holterhoff, Sonia Smith and Leslie Street)
- Focus Area #2 – Professional Development
  - Action: India workshop (APPROVED and assigned to Heather Casey, Mark Engsberg, Sonia Poulin)
  - Action: Mentoring program – Year 1 Explore Mentoring Options, Year 2 Implement Mentoring Program (APPROVED and assigned to Halina Hohenthal, Margo Jeske, Peter Weber)
  - Action: Survey to identify the professional development needs (APPROVED and assigned to Judit Gerencsér, Carole Hinchcliff, Yolanda Jones, and Jane Sanchez; timeframe tbd)
  - Yolanda Jones proposed an additional access to justice collaboration topic – “Government information instruction in LIS programs.” Discussion followed whether this was a focus area or an action under one of the other focus areas and whether it was too ambitious. It was suggested to determine whether there is already an existing initiative in the US. Sonia Poulin suggested that the topic could be included in the survey to identify professional development needs, and if creating this kind of toolkit emerged as a need, it could be a future action.

- Focus Area #3 – Promote reliable, free and authentic legal information
  - Action: create checklist to determine relevant criteria
  - Action: translate checklist into official IFLA languages
  - Action: create webinars
  - Action: create subpage on our section of the IFLA site to post content: research guide, webinar recordings
  - Discussion ensued regarding distinction between Focus Area #1 (Promote the Statement, with its checklist) and this Focus Area. Determined that this was more about secondary sources and research guides. Perhaps this could be more of an annotated guide to superlative resources for legal research – a meta guide.
- a. DECIDED: we need a subgroup to discuss this action and report back to the group by mid-September: Judit Gerencsér, Carole Hinchcliff, Yolanda Jones
  - additional discussion will be done electronically in mid-late September, with October 15 Action Plan deadline in mind.

## **6. Appointed corresponding members and recognized Claire Germain**

The SC appoints Corresponding Members. IFLA allows five Corresponding Members per section. Claire Germain, as Immediate Past Chair, has now completed her two terms. The Committee recognized her tremendous service to the section.

The SC voted to appoint the following as corresponding members:

- Marie Sophie Dibounje Madima – Cameroon
- Adama Koné – Cote d'Ivoire
- Joan Liu - China
- Raj Bhardwaj – India
- Pushyamitra Veeramachaneni – United States

## **7. Commendation for commitment of SC members**

- a. Sonia again commended the membership for their commitment and service to the section.

## **8. Recruitment of new members and marketing**

- a. this agenda item addressed by formation of Outreach/Recruitment Subcommittee in Item #2 above.

**9. Update on upcoming workshop in India**

- a. Sonia Poulin, Heather Casey and Mark Engsborg are working with Joe Hinger from LLMC. Raj Bhardwaj at St. Stephens College in Delhi is hosting.
- b. IFLA provided 5000€ which covers meals, operating costs and travel bursaries for workshop participants
- c. Sonia Poulin is working on raising additional external funds. Funding from IALL can only be used for travel bursaries.
- d. the SC recognizes and appreciates that the facilitators have self-funded for these workshops
- e. participants in the workshops are primarily law librarians but also parliamentary librarians and other with similar interests

**10. Additional agenda item: Discussed recent proposal by Adama Koné to partner with Association of Francophone Librarians at their 2020 meeting**

- a. this young association has over 500 members and meets either before or after the IFLA WLIC, sometimes partnering with IFLA entities to hold a satellite IFLA meeting
- b. their rules require that the meeting be held in a Francophone country, and they are planning on Luxembourg for 2020 WLIC in Dublin; however, that will require waiver from IFLA's new restrictions on locations if they want it to be a satellite meeting. If IFLA does not approve the location waiver, they can still hold the meeting in Luxembourg – it just won't be promoted by IFLA.
- c. they have proposed partnering with our section for the meeting, with our contribution being limited to the following:
  - i. providing advice re programming
  - ii. suggesting potential speakers
- d. DECIDED: Heather Casey and Sonia Poulin will be the official liaisons from our SC to the association and will report back on developments.

**11. Additional agenda item: Discussed preliminary plans Law Libraries Section reception in Dublin, 2020**

- a. BIALL held a reception at King's Inn when their meeting was in Dublin
- b. Heather Casey and Sally Holterhoff will explore potential speakers

**12. Adjourned**

The SC will reconvene online or via conference call as needed.

*Respectfully submitted by: Anne Burnett, Secretary*